

welfare, all of a sudden we have somebody else considering a life of crime. The Chief Justice talked about crime today. He talked about illiteracy in our penal institutions indicating that those who commit crime generally speaking are the less well-educated and I suggest to you that giving someone technical skills as the Chief Justice suggested has some relationship to their ability to function in society and their ability to go through life in a constructive manner both for themselves and for society.

SPEAKER MARVEL: You have one minute.

SENATOR BEUTLER: And yet here we are saying it is okay to drop out. You know, maybe it is not such a good alternative to keep disinterested students in school you say, but you have to ask the question, what is the alternative. Do we want to say, yes, go out on the job market and contribute to the welfare problem, to the crime problem, to the unskilled labor problem? Is this what we want to say? Is this the statement that we want to make? I think it is not. Thank you.

SPEAKER MARVEL: The Chair recognizes Senator Lamb.

SENATOR LAMB: Mr. President, members of the Legislature, I rise to oppose this bill and therefore I support Senator Vickers amendment from a different standpoint. I passed out a sheet I hope you will take the time to read from the Norfolk Junior High School. One sentence I will read. "Students who have developed a negative attitude toward school at age sixteen are not likely to become successful students during the extra year required by LB 305." I firmly believe that. I believe it is impossible to make a student stay in school and be productive, much better to let them go, do what they want to do, recognize their own mistakes, make their own mistakes. Then come back if they want to do it at another time. Impossible to force a student to do something he does not want to do. Senator Vickers indicated at age fifteen he did not want to go to school. At age fifteen, sixteen and seventeen, I was very much interested in school. From two different standpoints we see this bill in the same light, that it is not a bill that can do what Senator Beutler so earnestly wants it to do. He is mistaken. It is a bad bill. I hope you do not advance it.

SPEAKER MARVEL: The Chair recognizes Senator Wiitala.

SENATOR WIITALA: Mr. Speaker and members of the body, when LB 305 was on General File I supported it. I guess theoretically I agree with Senator Beutler's attempt to do something